

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are currently pending with the entry of this Amendment.

Claims 3-13 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 2 have been allowed.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1 and 2. Claims 3-13 have been cancelled and are the subject of a continuing application. There are no outstanding objections or rejections to Claims 1 and 2.

Conclusion

Based on the above explanation, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and, as such, it is earnestly requested that Claims 1 and 2 be allowed to issue in a U.S. Patent.

If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with the Applicant's representatives will expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agents of record.

The Office is requested and hereby authorized to charge the appropriate extension-of-time fees against **Deposit Account No. 08-0870**.

Respectfully submitted,

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